

IRISH POLICE BROKEN UP BY ASSASSINATION

Sinn Fein Extremists Used
Intimidation To Dissolve
the Long Famous
Constabulary.

"BLACK AND TANS" NEXT
Name Which Was First Used
In Derision at Uniforms
Now Inspires People
With Terror.

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LONDON, Dec. 19.—(By mail.)—Much
has been heard of the "Black and Tans" in
the chaotic war of assassinations, an-
tagonisms and reprisals in Ireland, but prob-
ably few people abroad have much in-
formation as to who and what these men
are.

The official title of the corps is the
Auxiliary Division of the Royal Irish
Constabulary, and they were organized
when the supply of recruits for the R. I. C.
began to fail. The R. I. C. long famous
as one of the most efficient bodies of
semi-military police in the world, was
formerly exclusively composed of Irish-
men. Men of magnificent physique, and
superior intelligence, they ranked much
higher than the ordinary policeman, and
in the better class Irish farmer families
it was a subject for pride that they had
a son in the R. I. C.

Equally efficient as cavalry or infantry,
and armed with swords, rifles, bayonets,
revolvers, clubs and hand grenades, the
R. I. C. rarely had much trouble with
the most turbulent Irish mobs. Only on
rare occasions did they need any other
weapon than their clubs, and a couple of
these hardy horsemen would break up
an ugly mob of contestants without
doing more damage than cracking a head
or two. And the people thus clubbed
were no malice; in fact the R. I. C. were
generally well liked.

When the supply of recruits cut off,
the British authorities realized that hold-
ings had to be taken, especially as there
was no time to train imported recruits
to R. I. C. standards. They accordingly
formed the Auxiliary Division and natu-
rally appealed to English former of
fines and soldiers, well-trained in the
use of arms, and scouting and already
disciplined. The late war left many en-
terprising, restless and reckless young
men more or less on their beam ends,
and these readily jumped at the prospect
of more excitement with the attractive
and unusually high pay of one pound a
day, with uniform, equipment and all
found. The authorities were able to take
their pick from thousands of volunteers,
and probably the world has never seen
a more formidable body of war-wise dare-
devil enlisted. Naturally it was these
men who, feeling themselves scouting in
an enemy country and carrying their
lives in their hands, were responsible for
most of the reprisals.

HOW NICKNAME CAME
The nickname "Black and Tans" was
given them in derision, when the authori-
ties, not being quite sure how they were
going to uniform them, and not having
sufficient R. I. C. uniforms in stock, fit-
ted them out partly in the dark green

(almost black) of the parent corps and
partly in ordinary army khaki. The sneer
that these half-black-half-brown men
resembled the snappy little black-and-
tan terrier was soon stifled and "Black
and Tan" is now a name of terror. Most-
ly, however, the "Black and Tans" were
ordinary officers khaki uniform, without
rank badges, except for the black ac-
couterments and bandoliers of the R. I. C.
and lately a Scotch "bonnet" with a
white St. Andrew's cross as badge, in-
stead of the regulation cap.

Other forces in Ireland, apart from
the regular British troops, are the Ul-
ster Volunteer Force, a force formed by the
Unionist leader Sir Edward Carson in
1913 to resist the passage of Home Rule.
This again is a decidedly dangerous army,
numbering some 150,000 men, many of
whom are well-trained, having served in
the recent war. The thirty-sixth Ulster
Division in France was chiefly recruited
from Carson's Ulster Volunteers.

The Irish Nationalist Volunteers, origi-
nally formed as a reply to the Ulster
Volunteers by Sinn Fein, comprising
the "Irish Republican Army." These
again are a formidable organization, and
many have seen war with the Thirty-
sixth Nationalist Division in France.
Those without war experience, have been
killing and training for four years and
if they could only obtain some artillery,
there can be no doubt that an open re-
bellion would follow immediately. All the
Nationalists, however, have not gone over
to Sinn Fein.

So far the Ulster Volunteers are not
officially in arms, but the numerous out-
breaks in Belfast, Londonderry and other
parts of Ulster prove that they are ready
to spring to arms at once.

SIGNS FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

Will Be Black With White Let-
tering.

That rural schools of the county may
be known when they are seen, large
iron signs are now being prepared under
the direction of C. E. Northcutt, county
superintendent of schools. All signs are to
be of uniform in size, 34 by 24 inches,
and will have white letters on a black
background.

Circular letters are now being sent
out to the district clerks notifying them
that signs will be available a week after
the order. Each district pays for its own
sign, \$4.10, which may be taken from the
fund for incidentals.

AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO CLAIM DIVORCES ARE TOO EASILY GOT!

A tall, spare woman with a dangling
shoestring, leading a child who munched
an apple, entered the county assessor's
office and asked:

"Is this where I can get a divorce?"
When she had been sent to the cir-
cuit clerk's office she said that her hus-
band had threatened to kill her with a
poker Sunday morning and that she had
left him.

"Now give me my divorce," she de-
manded.

It was explained to her that she would
have to file suit and hire a lawyer, and
that she could not get her divorce be-
fore the June term of court. She had
no money for the lawyer and she had
not known that she would have to wait.
So she led the child away, still munch-
ing its apple.

Bible Class Officers Elected.

Officers for the next term have been
elected by the University men's and Uni-
versity women's Bible classes of the
Broadway Methodist Church. The men
elected the following officers: President,
Dean Collier; Vice-president, L. F. Wain-
scott; Secretary, P. H. Perreitt;
Treasurer, R. J. Saville.

The women elected the following: Presi-
dent, Nola Lee Anderson; Vice-president,
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Jennings; Treasurer, Georgia Winget. The
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pointment as postmistress in this coun-
try was in the year 1838, just seventeen
years after Missouri had received its
statehood, and Columbia can boast of
the fact that this first postmistress as-
sumed her duties in the postoffice here at
that time. Before that, Richard Gentry
had been the postmaster here, and in
1838 Mrs. Gentry was chosen to take
up her husband's duties.

During her term of office, which was for
a period of something over thirty years,
she distributed the mail from a hotel
which stood on the north side of Broad-
way between Ninth and Tenth streets.
The first postoffice to be established in
Columbia was organized in 1823 and was
located at Fifth street and Broadway.
Charles Hardin was the first postmaster
and he served for seven years. Richard
Gentry succeeded him in 1830 and held
the office until his death, eight years lat-
ter, when the first postmistress in the
United States took the office.

When Mrs. Gentry went out of office
the feminine regime was continued for
another period of years. Mrs. John H.
Lathrop, wife of the president of the
University at that time, was appointed
postmistress. The location of the post-
office had in the meantime been changed
and was now on the south side of Broad-
way between Ninth and Tenth streets.
To buy a stamp in those days it was
necessary to descend a flight of stairs to
an office below the level of the street.

Mrs. Lathrop was in charge for eight
years and then a man was again appoint-
ed. Charles W. Ripley at this time went
into the office, the location of which had
again been changed to Eighth street
south of Broadway.

The sixth postmaster was Henry N.
Cook. He served four years, and during
his term the office was maintained in the
middle of the block between Ninth and
Eighth streets on the south side of Broad-
way.

During Cleveland's administration Eli
Hodge was appointed postmaster, and
the location was Broadway and Ninth
street. This time there was a stationery

and newspaper store run in connection
with the office.

Samuel H. Elkins was the next man
to have the office, which during his term,
was at Eighth and Broadway again. R.
J. Bouchelle was the ninth postmaster
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STUDENTS TO JOIN SOCIETY

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Sociological Organization.
The American Sociological Society will
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versity of Missouri when James Quinn
and Paul R. Verzosa will be proposed by
Prof. Charles A. Ellwood, head of the
sociological department of the University,
next month. The membership is solicited
from persons who intend to teach sociol-
ogy either in this country or in foreign
institutions.

Mr. Quinn is a graduate student, do-
ing research work on child welfare. Mr.
Verzosa, a Filipino student in the School
of Journalism, completed a seminar study
in sociology under Professor Ellwood. He
is now completing a Spanish translation
of Professor Ellwood's "Social Prob-
lems."

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